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## MTA TEAMS WITH CRA TO IMPROVE SECURITY ALONG HOLLYWOOD BOULEVARD

The Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) and the Community Redevelopment Agency, Hollywood Redevelopment Project (CRA), have teamed up to make Hollywood Boulevard a safer place. On September 1, the two agencies launched the Hollywood Security Program along the boulevard, and on adjacent streets and parking lots next to future Metro Rail stations.

Community Service Representatives (CSRs) are now on hand to patrol a 16-block stretch of Hollywood Boulevard, Gower Street to LaBrea Avenue, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 1 a.m.

The CSR's work together with the Los Angeles City Police Department (LAPD) and the social service agencies in the area to help deter crimes, refer those in need to social service providers, and provide information to visitors on Hollywood attractions. The new program has also received the full support of Jackie Goldberg, Los Angeles City Councilmember, 13th District.

Mobile patrols provide security in parking lots and on side streets off Hollywood Boulevard, and escort officers are available on a limited basis to escort cinema and theater patrons, as well as area merchants, to their cars at night between the hours of 6:30 p.m. and 2:30 a.m. CSRs, security patrol and escort officers are employees of International Services, Inc., a security company under contract to the MTA.

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"Hollywood residents, merchants, shoppers, visitors and tourists can rest a little easier now," said Franklin White, the MTA's chief executive officer. "I'm glad we could join with the CRA on this project, and through working closely with the LAPD, the safety and security in Hollywood should be greatly improved."

"By working closely with the area's social service providers, we may be able to locate and assist runaway or homeless juveniles," said Pamela Murano, the MTA's Security Operations Manager. "I'm confident this program can help the Hollywood community in more ways than one."

A 24-hour Security Service Line has been set up, and service can be requested by calling (213) 463-6707. In addition, the Hollywood Boulevard Security Program's office is located at 6541 Hollywood Blvd., Suite 109; the office is open seven days a week, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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